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MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH,

BUTLER COUNTY, ALABAMA

On the 11th 12th, 13th, and 14th October, 1866.

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Minutes of the Bible Society of the Alabama Baptist Association.

SATURDAY NIGHT, October 13, 1866.

The Bible Society of the Alabama Baptist Association met.

Bro. M. Bishop, President, in the Chair.

Elected officers for the coming year: M. Bishop, President; G. G. McLendon, Vice President; G. W. Thomas, Secretary; H. W. Caffey, Treasurer.

Adjourned to the next meeting of the Association.

M. BISHOP,
President.

G. W. THOMAS, Secretary.

RECEIVED of Geo. W. Thomas, Clerk, the sum of $95 00, in payment of account for printing seven hundred and fifty copies of Minutes of the Alabama Baptist Association for 1866. BARRETT & BROWN.
Montgomery, Oct. 25, 1866.

copies of *Childs' Paper* taken, 10; Superintendent, R. M. Burt. Delegate, R. M. Burt.

Unity Church.—Number of teachers, 10; pupils, 63; volumes in library, 220; pupils baptized, 4; Delegate, P. H. Lundy.

Mt. Lebanon Church, Dallas County.—Number of teachers, 7; pupils, 35; volumes in library, 200; T. E. Williams, Superintendent.

First Church, Montgomery, (colored).—Superintendents, T. J. Scott, (white.) H. Thompson, (colored). Number of teachers, (white.) 7; (colored.) 20; number of pupils, 300; number of pupils who can read fluently, 100.

Treasurer's report was read as follows:

To the Sabbath School Society of the Ala. Baptist Association.

DEAR BRETHREN:—As your Treasurer, I beg leave to report that the contributions to our last Association amounted to $20 25, all of which has been paid over to G. W. Thomas, Secretary, for printing Minutes.

T. F. THOMASSON,
Treasurer.

On motion of Bro. T. F. Thomasson, appropriated $20 to defray the Society's share of the expenses in publishing the Minutes. Voted to send the balance of the fund on hand to the Sabbath School Board at Greenville, S. C.

Bro. A. C. Barron presented the following resolutions, which, after discussion, were adopted:

Resolved, 1st—That when this Society adjourns, it will adjourn to meet in the city of Montgomery at the Second Baptist Church, at 8 o'clock, P. M., on Thursday, before the first Sabbath in May, 1867.

Resolved, 2d—That the Secretary be requested to give notice through the *Christian Index* and *South Western Baptist* of the meeting in Montgomery, and that the object of said meeting is to form a Baptist Sunday School State Convention, and invite the Baptists of the state, who advocate Sunday Schools, to meet with us at the time specified.

Resolved, 3d—That we will attend the meeting, and use all of our influence to forward the interest of Sabbath Schools.

Resolved 4th—That the President of the Sunday Scool Board, at Greenville, S. C., be invited to attend the meeting.

Appointed Committees in the several districts to look after the interests of Sunday Schools:

First District—Brethren P. H. Lundy, B. H. Crumpton.

Second District—Brethren D. Lee, R. M. Burt.

Third District—Brethren W. W. Waller, T. J. Miles.

Fourth District—Brethren M. Bishop, J. B. Hawthorne.

Officers elected for the ensuing year: W. W. Waller, President; P. H. Lundy, Vice President; G. W. Thomas, Secretary; T. F. Thomasson, Treasurer.

Society adjourned to meet in the city of Montgomery, at the Second Baptist Church, on Thursday before the 1st Sabbath in May, 1867, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

P. H. LUNDY,

President, *pro tem.*

G. W. THOMAS, Secretary.

Minutes of the Sabbath School Society of the Alabama Baptist Association.

DAMASCUS CHURCH, BUTLER COUNTY, ALA. }
Thursday morning, Oct. 11, 1866, 11 o'clock. }

The Sabbath School Society of the Ala. Baptist Association, met according to adjournment with the Damascus Church, Butler county, Ala. Bro. P. H. Lundy preached an introductory sermon from Col. 3:16—"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." Prayer by Bro. A. C. Barron.

The President being absent, the Secretary called the Society to order, and, on motion, Bro. P. H. Lundy was appointed President *pro tem.* Singing, and prayer by Bro. D. Lee.

In the absence of the speakers appointed at the last meeting of the Society, on motion of Bro. D. Lee the Society voted to suspend the regular business and listen to addresses by Brethren J. B. Hawthorne and A. C. Barron. These Brethren came forward and addressed the meeting.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Prayer by Bro. C. L. Thornton.

SATURDAY, P. M., Oct. 13—1 o'clock.

The Society was called to order by the President, *pro tem.* Singing, and prayer by Bro. D. Lee. The Secretary read the proceedings of Thursday. Called for annual

members, and the following came forward and subscribed their names and paid $2 each :

J. B. Hawthorne, P. H. Lundy, T. F. Thompson, T. J. Scott, W. J. Maxwell, J. A. Baldwin, A. C. Barron, G. W. McQueen, R. M. Burt, G. W. Thomas, J. M. Landrum, W. P. Rouse, W. L. Chandler, H. Talbird.

Brethren P. H. Lundy, D. Lee, R. M. Burt and M. Bishop, made verbal reports of Sabbath Schools in their respective districts. Bro. F. Armstrong reported that he had established a Sabbath School of sixteen members. Bro. T. Cook had established a school of fifteen members. Letters were read from the Sunday Schools of the First and Second Baptist Churches, Montgomery; Damascus Church, Hopewell Church, Bethel Church, Unity Church, and Mt. Lebanon Church, Dallas County. Bro. J. B. Hawthorne gave a verbal report of the school at Greenville, and Bro. T. J. Scott of the colored school, Montgomery.

First Church, Montgomery—Number of teachers, 20; number of pupils, 200; teachers and pupils baptized, 7; volumes in library, 950; number copies of *Childs' Paper* taken, 185; amount of money contributed for various purposes during the year, $637. G. W. Thomas, Superintendent. Delegates, G. W. Thomas, W. Chandler. Funds sent, $15.

Second Church, Montgomery.—Number of teachers, 16; of pupils, 199; teachers and pupils baptized, 31; number copies of *Childs' Paper* distributed 150. Amount of money contributed during the year, $107 47. W. W. Waller, Superintendent. Delegates, T. J. Scott, W. J. Maxwell, J. A. Baldwin. Funds sent, $10.

Damascus Church—Number of teachers, 6; pupils, 50; J. L. Simpson, Superintendent. Delegates, J. L. Simpson, J. G. Cook.

Hopewell Church—Number of teachers, 4; pupils, 24. Delegates, Brethren D. Lee, C. A. Gunn, T. W. Hartley.

Bethel Church.—Number of teachers, 8; pupils, 60;

3d District.														
Unity,	Prattville,	P H Lundy,	B F Smith,	3		1			1		77	75	152	4th
Montgom'y First	Montgomery,	Dr I T Pichenor,	J C Stratford,	116	7	43	7	33	8	25	257	581	828	E. S.
Montg'y Second,	Montgomery,	A C Barron,	A Howard,	47		25	1	19	1	2	143		143	E. S.
Rehoboth.	Montgomery,	No statistics.												
Elim.	Montgomery,	J S Holmes,	M M Lennox,	20		3	11	7	2	6	11		11	4th
Salem.	Montgomery,	No statistics.												
Ramah,	Ramah,	G G McLendon,	C R Walker,	5	1	3		7	1	4	76	12	88	2d
Antioch,	Mt. Meigs,	No statistics.												
Mt. Lebanon, Montg'y Co.,	Ramah	G G McLendon,	J H Bradshaw,	7		3		2		1	28	75	103	4th
Pine Level,	Pine Level,	No statistics.												
Bethesda	Sharpsville,	No statistics.												
Midway,	Pine Level,	No statistics.												
Liberty,	Pine Level,	No statistics.												
Autaugaville,	Autaugaville,	J H Ray,	J J Farrell,	26		3		5	1	1	48	148	196	
4th District.														
Damascus,	Greenville,	M Bishop,	S P Andress,	3		8		14	3	5	176	47	223	3d
Greenville,	Greenville	J B Hawthorne,	W J Milner,	5		11		9	1	2	96		96	
Sardis,	Greenville,	W T Lawson,	J O Sharpe,	3		8		7	6		45	4	49	2d
Philadelphia.	Ramah,	J A Fonville,	D K Bradley,					4			19		19	2d
Hickory Grove,	Letohatchee,	J A Fonville,	A D Dean,	9				2	1	2	37	23	60	3d
New Ebenezer,	Greenville,	J J Cumbie,	E L Griffin,	1	1		1	2	1	2	67	1	68	2d
Macedonia,	Greenville,	M Bishop	S Thompson,	1					3		34	2	36	4th
Ephesus,		No statistics.												
Antioch.	Greenville,	D H Burt,	J C Lockhart,	3		13			1	1	28		28	4th
	Total,			457	20	155	27	160	91	107	2,009	2,656	4,665	

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES FOR 1866.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES.	MINISTERS.	CLERKS.	Baptized.	Received by Voucher.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Whites.	Blacks.	Whole Number.	Sabbath Meetings.
1st District.														
Providence,	Orville,	No statistics.												
Shiloh,	Selma,	T M Bailey,	H F Calloway,	23	1	1		6		1	22	401	423	4th
Centre Ridge,	Richmond,													
Mt. Lebanon,	Dallas Co.,	Dr H Talbird,	J W Dennis,	75	2	2	1	7		1	100	228	331	E. S.
Dallas Co.,	Selma,	B H Crumpton,	T Williams,	42	1	1		4	1	2	75	200	275	4th
Town Creek,	Benton,	D Peebles,	E W Hardy,			2	1	7	7	7	79	121	200	2d
Sister Springs,	Selma,	D Peebles,	J Johnson,	9					2	1	32	98		3d
Bethany,	Benton,	P H Lundy,	J Barlow,					1		1	37	197	234	1st
Cedar Creek,	Farmersville,	No statistics.												
2d District.														
Benton,	Benton,	P H Lundy,	A D Hassel,								36	25	61	2d
Mt. Gilead,	Benton,	P H Lundy,	J A Edwards,	2		1			38	27	46	151	197	3d
Ash Creek,	Benton,	D Lee,	H Orum,	6			2	2		2	43	77	120	
Hopewell,	Calhoun, Lowndes Co.,	D Lee,	J H Robertson,	21		1		5	4	8	156	78	234	1st & 3d
New Bethel,	Selma,	B H Crumpton,	W P Underwood,			2	1	3	3		52		52	1st
Lowndesboro',	Lowndesboro',	No statistics.												
Hayneville,	Hayneville,	No statistics.												
Smyrna,	Calhoun, Lowndes Co.,	D H Bart,	S P Redmond,	5							11	20	31	
Bethel,	Fort Deposit,	M Bishop,	R M Burt,	4	3	10		7	5	3	173	23	196	1st & 2d
Good Hope,	Greenville,		A Peagler,			8		5		1	36	5	41	
Steep Creek,	Hayneville,	T M Bailey,	J G Powell,	21	4	1, 2		1	2	1	540	61	118	1st

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minutes.	Associational Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Total.
Center Ridge	$ 3 00			
Town Creek	2 50			
Bethany	5 00	$ 10 00	$ 20 00	
Benton	4 56			
Mount Gilead	4 00	20 00		
Ash Creek	5 00			
Hopewell	8 50			
Smyrna	1 73			
Bethel	8 45			
Good Hope	2 50			
Steep Creek	5 00			
Unity	5 75		11 00	
Montgomery First	20 00		40 25	
Montgomery Second	10 00	20 00		
Elim	2 00			
Salem	2 00			
Ramah	3 00			
Mt. Lebanon, Montg'y co	2 50			
Autaugaville	5 00	5 00		
Damascus	5 60			
Greenville	3 00			
Sardis	5 00			
Hickory Grove	5 00			
Macedonia	3 50			
Antioch Butler co	3 00			
Sister Springs	2 50			
Philadelphia	1 50			
New Ebenezer	2 00			
Total	$131 53	$55 00	$71 25	$257 78

J. L. SIMPSON,
Chairman Finance Committee.

Audited and found correct.

F. ARMSTRONG,
Chairman Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

H. W. CAFFEY,

In Acc't with Alabama Baptist Association, DR.

1865.		
Oct. 9.	To amount of Minute fund sent by Churches	130 75
	" " " unappropriated fund sent by Churches, subject to control of Association, and by its order added to Minute fund	54 00
	To amount of fund sent by Churches for Domestic Missions	39 50
	Total	$224 25

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By amount paid G. W. Thomas, Clerk of Association, as Minute fund, as per receipt	184 75
Balance cash on hand, subject to order of Association	39 50
	$224 25

Respectfully submitted.

H. W. CAFFEY, Treasurer.

The above report, being examined by us, we respectfully report the statement correct.

F. ARMSTRONG, Ch. A. C.

This Committee, through Bro. F. Armstrong, reported the accounts of the Treasurer and Finance Committee correct.

The Association voted to meet with the Centre Ridge Church, at Carlowville, next year.

The Clerk reported that a balance of $50 of the last year's Minute fund was still on hand. Voted to pay $30 of this balance to Bro. J. B. Taylor, for the same amount paid by him in publishing Bro. I. T. Tichenor's speech before the Association at its last annual session, and the remaining $20 to the Domestic Board at Marion.

Bro. J. B. Hawthorne moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association recommend to all the Baptists within its bounds the "Christian Index and South Western Baptist", as a religious journal, eminently worthy of a place in all our families.

Bro. W. B. Haralson moved that all claims of this Association against Mrs. Lyon, widow of the late Dr. Lyon, former Clerk of this body, be and are hereby cancelled. Adopted.

Bro. J. B. Hawthorne moved that the Clerk receive $10 for his services, and the balance of the Minute fund be used in printing and distributing the Minutes. Adopted.

A vote of thanks to the brethren of the Damascus Church for their kindness and hospitality to the members of this Association, was unanimously passed.

Adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Bro. H. Talbird.

SUNDAY, A. M., 11 o'clock.

Bro. S. Henderson, according to appointment, preached the Missionary Sermon to a large and attentive congregation, from Col., ii. 3—"In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge". At the close of the service, an appeal was made in behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions at Marion, by Breth. J. B. Hawthorne and W. H.

McIntosh, and the following pledges were obtained for the Board: T. G. Lang, $10; T. F. Thomasson, $10; H. W. Caffey, $10; Mrs. Dr. Purifoy, $10; G. W. Thomas, $10—paid; P. H. Lundy, $10; J. A. Fonville, $10—paid; W. P. Rouse, $10; F. Armstrong, $10; T. J. Scott, $5; W. J. Maxwell, $5; D. B. Edwards, $5; W. Chandler, $5; G. W. McQueen, $5—paid; Miss Carrie Lee, $5—paid; Mrs. Dr. Caffey, $5; L. Wittick, $2 50; others in smaller sums; $20 50, and a breast-pin—paid.

After prayer by Bro. W. H. McIntosh, the Association united in singing the hymn,

"Once more, before we part,
O, bless the Saviour's name:"

during the singing of which, the members gave to each other the parting hand, and adjourned to meet with the Centre Ridge Baptist Church, at Carlowville, on Friday before the second Sabbath in October, 1867.

D. Lee, Moderator.

G. W. Thomas, Clerk.

cease of our beloved brother, Thomas Barlow, a deacon of the church, and for many years a member of this body; and we feel that we have sustained a great loss in his death. In the letter of Antioch Church, Butler county, is recorded the death of Bro. J. T. Jones, also a deacon of his church. He was taken from us in the prime of life, and in the midst of his usefulness. In the removal of Brethren Barlow and Jones, we realize that we have sustained a great loss, and that God has thus afflicted this people. But while we grieve for ourselves, we feel that our loss has been their gain, and it becomes us to bow in meekness and submission under the mighty hand of God, who does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men. These good men still live, in their example of usefulness and devotion to the cause of our dear Redeemer, who has taken them to himself. We beg leave to offer to their bereaved families the assurance of our heartfelt sympathy. In two or more letters the churches have requested our advice as to the manner in which they should deal with their colored members. On this subject, in the general aspects of it, we would refer the churches to the minutes of our last annual session, and to the address of the Rev. I. T. Tichenor, D. D., of Montgomery. We are persuaded that all is there said, which can be judiciously recommended to the churches in the present condition of our country. In reference to those members who are absent, and who cannot be accounted for, we would advise the churches to deal with them precisely as they would with white members, after making due allowance for the ignorance of our poor colored brethren, who are being ruined by the pretended philanthropy of northern fanaticism. It would, perhaps, in any event be well to keep a distinct record of the absent members, in order that they may be dealt with as God in His Providence may indicate. The action of our churches must be modified by the peculiar circumstances by which they are surrounded. The Liberty Creek Church requests you to hold your next annual session with them. The church is not in that division of the Association to which by usage, the next meeting belongs. It is, however, for the Association, to determine the point at which it will hold its next annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

H. TALBIRD, Chairman.

Bro. J. L. Sumpey offered the following resolution, which was adopted, and ordered to be appended to the report of the Committee on Documents:

Resolved, That when a church shall be satisfied that a colored man in their midst is worthy and ought to be authorized to preach, that they try to make an arrangement to place him in the care of some white minister who can instruct him in the doctrines and ordinances of the church, and when he has made sufficient proficiency, and shows his adaptation to the work, he may be ordained.

Association adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, to give opportunity for a meeting of the Sabbath School Society.

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2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Association met.

Bro. P. H. Lundy, from Committee on Missions, presented the following report, which was adopted :

The Committee on Missions would make the following report :

The Missionary work, through our several Boards, has been blessed of God, and through the instrumentality of the Missionary many have been led to the Cross, and are now heirs of eternal life : henceforth the work should be continued and prosecuted, even with more energy than formerly. The Board of Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention, located in Richmond, Virginia, were compelled to contract a debt during the late war, of about eight thousand dollars, to sustain our Missionaries in foreign lands. The great wonder is, not that so large a debt was made, but that those faithful men were kept in the field on so small an amount. This debt must be liquidated. The credit of the Board must be sustained. Every Baptist in the Southern States ought to feel obligated to aid in its payment. In our present impoverished condition, we must supply the larger amounts formerly contributed, by increasing the number of contributors.

The Domestic Mission Board located at Marion, Ala., always prompt, active and efficient, have in the field at present eighty Missionaries, and yet is this number too small for the great work to be accomplished. Our obligations to God, our obligations to our fellow-men, our love for the blessed Jesus, call upon us to aid, to the extent of our ability this Board, in sending faithful ministers to preach Christ crucified to thousands of all ages in our Southern States, who are perishing for the want of the bread of Life. Missionary work is much needed in the bounds of the Alabama Association, and we pray that the good work commenced to-day, may continue, and that such aid may be given as will bring the long, all our people within the influence of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

P. H. LUNDY,
J. B. HAWTHORNE,
H. TALBIRD,
Committee.

Bro. H. W. Calley, Treasurer of the Association, presented his report, which was referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Finance Committee, through Bro. J. L. Simpson, made a report, which was referred to the Auditing Committee.

for the support of missions in the Association, and other funds designated for missionary purposes, be sent to the Domestic Board at Marion, with a request that such a missionary be appointed, to labor the coming year in this Association, as the Domestic Board of the Association may nominate, and that in case the Associational Board do not appoint a Missionary, the Board at Marion may appoint one. Adopted.

A committee, consisting of Brethren P. H. Lundy, J. B. Hawthorne and P. H. Drake, was appointed to nominate a new Board of Missions in the Association.

The committee nominated the former members of the Board, brethren D. Lee, D. Gordon, W. B. Haralson, J. H. Robertson, and H. W. Calley, in place of Bro. T. Barlow, deceased. They were unanimously elected by the Association.

Bro. J. B. Hawthorne moved that the Committee on Religious Exercises nominate preachers for the Introductory and Missionary Sermons for the next meeting of the Association. Adopted.

Bro. J. F. Bell, from the Committee on the State of Religion in the Churches, made the following report, which, after discussion, was adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the state of Religion in the Churches, report that most of the letters sent up by the churches bear the tidings of God's gracious dealings with them.

During the past associational year, 407 have put on Christ by baptism and united with their respective churches.

Such news as this is indeed cheering to our hearts, in times of darkness and gloom like those through which we have just passed.—We say have passed, for we trust and believe that the day of Zion's prosperity is dawning. To us there seem to be many providences, pointing to the time when the "kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ," and plainly indicate that that happy period is not far distant.

But while we unite with the saints in most of our churches, in rejoicing over the prosperity of our Zion in their midst, we have also to unite with some churches of our union, in deploring a state of coldness and inactivity, and we do not think that we have done our whole duty, while there is a single cold or destitute church in our bounds.

Then, in order more effectually to promote a spirit of devoted piety, growth in grace and a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, we recommend the following course:

1st. That the ministering brethren of the Association be, and are hereby requested, as soon as practicable, to arrange among themselves, and "go two and two" to such cold and destitute churches as they may be able to visit, and labor with them.

2d. We earnestly recommend that a weekly prayer meeting be organized and kept up in every church in our bounds. If the church houses are too remote, meet at each other's houses, and pray for the Lord's reviving grace.

3d. That a ministers' meeting be appointed to meet at Bethel church on Saturday before the fifth Sabbath in March next, to take into consideration the best means of expending ministerial labor in destitute churches. J. E. BELL, Chairman.

In accordance with the above resolution, the Association requested all the ministers of the body to meet at Bethel Church, on Saturday before the fifth Sabbath in March.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows: Bro. J. L. Sampey to preach to-night; Bro. S. Henderson to preach the Missionary Sermon to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. Bro. J. B. Hawthorne to follow; and Bro. C. A. Stanton to preach in the afternoon; also, Bro. J. E. Bell to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Bro. J. B. Hawthorne to preach the Missionary Sermon at the next meeting of the Association.

Bro. H. Talbird, from the Committee on Documents, made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Documents beg leave to report:

In the letter of the Second Church of Montgomery, mention is made of the death of our venerable brother, Rev. Robert Carson, in the eighty-ninth year of his age.

Thus he died full of years and full of honors. His name is now enrolled in that great cloud of witnesses by which we are surrounded. His deeds follow his labors, and his works do follow him. We are profoundly grateful to our blessed Saviour that for a time He gave him to the churches, and we rejoice to believe that his redeemed spirit is now reposing in the realms of life and light. While we offer to his bereaved family and friends the assurance of our sympathy, we also congratulate them in the fact, that their earthly sire is now crowned a king and priest unto God.

In the letter of the Mt. Gilead Church, we are informed of the ex-

RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

Bethlehem Association—Breth. J. E. Bell, T. G. Lang, P. H. Lundy, J. B. Hawthorne, M. Bishop, R. M. Burt, D. Lee.

Tuskegee Association—Breth. H. Talbird, T. F. Thomasson, A. C. Barron, P. H. Lundy, I. T. Tichenor.

Pine Barren Association—Breth. B. H. Crumpton, J. E. Bell, H. Talbird.

Cahaba Association—Bro. W. B. Haralson.

Unity Association—Breth. J. H. Ray, O. W. Sherrer.

Salem Association—Breth. J. L. Sampey, M. Bishop, G. G. McLendon.

Zion Association—Breth. P. H. Drake, T. G. Lang, W. Morris, W. J. Norsworthy.

State Convention—Breth. D. Lee, H. W. Calfey, B. H. Crumpton, J. B. Hawthorne, P. H. Lundy, I. T. Tichenor, A. C. Barron, G. W. Thomas, J. A. Edwards, D. B. Edwards.

On motion of Bro. P. H. Lundy, three were added to the Committee on Missions, in place of those absent:

Brethren P. H. Lundy, J. B. Hawthorne and H. Talbird, were appointed.

The Committee on Religious Exercises, reported as follows:

Bro. W. C. Batchelor to preach to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock, Bro. A. C. Barron to preach at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Bro. S. Henderson and others presented the claims of the *Christian Index* and *South Western Baptist*, and several subscribers for the paper were obtained.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Bro. S. Henderson.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Oct. 13.

The Association met according to adjournment, Moderator in the chair. Singing, and prayer by Bro. C. A. Stanton.

The Clerk read the proceedings of yesterday, called the roll, and read the Rules of Order.

Bro. D. Lee, from the Committee of Board of Missions of the Alabama Association, (Bro. W. C. Batchelor in the chair,) made the following report, which, after remarks by various brethren, was adopted:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

At your last annual meeting, the Association "Resolved, that the Board of this Association be instructed to employ one or more Missionaries to labor within its bounds, and that the churches be called upon to contribute whatever may be necessary for their support." It is our painful duty to report to you, that, so far as we are informed, not one dollar has been placed in your Treasurer's hands for the object named in the resolution. And being governed by a standing order of your body, viz: *not to involve the Association in debt*, we have made no appointment. The labors of efficient Missionaries are greatly needed at this time to save several churches of your body from dissolution, and to preach the gospel to the destitute in your bounds.

As impoverished as our country is, if all *would give according as God has prospered them*, the money would soon be forthcoming: and the poor would have the gospel preached to them. Your Board are of the opinion that the "Card System", revived, would do much to replenish our exhausted Treasury. But for the next associational year, something should be done quickly.

It is with sorrow of heart that we have to report to you the death of our highly esteemed co-laborer, Bro. Thomas Barlow. As a member of the Board, Bro. Barlow was wise in counsel, and diligent in business.

Respectfully submitted,

D. LEE, Pres't.

Bro. P. H. Lundy moved that an effort be made to obtain pledges of money to support a Missionary in the Association. Adopted; and the following pledges were obtained:

Hopewell Church, $75; Hickory Grove, $25; Ramah, $25; Bethany, $25; Mt. Gilead, $40; Town Creek, $25; Unity, $25; Montgomery Second, $25; Greenville, $25; O. W. Sherrer, $10; A. Peagler, $10; T. W. Thrower, $5; T. Cook, $5; B. H. Crumpton, $10; A. C. Barron, $10. Total, $340.

Bro. P. H. Lundy moved that the funds pledged to-day

Sister Springs—Sent letter. No delegates.

Bethany—P. H. Lundy, H. W. Caffey.

Cedar Creek—Not represented.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Benton—Sent letter. No delegates.

Mount Gilead—W. B. Haralson, J. A. Edwards.

Ash Creek—H. Orum.

Hopewell—D. Lee, G. B. Murphy, C. A. Gunn, T. W. Hartley.

Near Bethel—B. H. Crumpton.

Lowndesboro'—Not represented.

Hayneville—Not represented.

Smyrna—T. Cook.

Bethel—M. Bishop, R. M. Burt.

Good Hope—A. Peagler.

Step Creek—G. W. McQueen, U. G. Powell, A. Moseley.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Unity—Sent letter. No delegates.

Montgomery First—G. W. Thomas, W. Chandler.

Montgomery Second—A. C. Barron, T. F. Thomasson, J. A. Baldwin.

Rehoboth—Not represented.

Bunah—G. G. McLendon, J. L. Sampey, W. D. Hooten.

Elim—Sent letter. No delegates.

Antioch—Not represented.

Salem—Not represented.

Mt. Lebanon, Montgomery Co.—Sent letter. No delegates.

Pine Level—J. M. Landrum.

Bethesda—Not represented.

Midway—Not represented.

Liberty—Not represented.

Autaugaville—O. W. Sherrer.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Damascus—J. J. Cumbie, J. L. Simpson, R. P. Gibson, J. A. Stringer.

Greenville—J. E. Bell, J. B. Hawthorne, W. C. Batchelor.

Sardis—W. Morris, W. J. Norsworthy, P. H. Drake.

Philadelphia—T. W. Thrower.

Hickory Grove—J. A. Fonville, F. Armstrong, W. H. Dean.

New Ebenezer—C. C. Mothershed.

Macedonia—W. Bowden, W. Nix, F. L. Ellis.

Ephesus—Not represented.

Antioch, Butler Co.—W. H. Alford, J. C. Lockhart.

After the reading of the letters, the Association organized by the election of Elder D. Lee, Moderator; G. W. Thomas, Clerk; and H. W. Caffey, Treasurer.

The Moderator announced the

STANDING COMMITTEES:

ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES—S. W. Lide, J. A. Edwards, G. W. McQueen, and the Deacons of Damascus Church.

ON MISSIONS—(to report next session) J. B. Hawthorne, J. L. Sampey, J. E. Bell, P. H. Drake, F. L. Ellis.

ON STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.—J. E. Bell, M. Bishop, O. W. Sherrer, T. Cook, W. J. Maxwell.

ON DOCUMENTS—H. Talbird, J. A. Baldwin, R. M. Burt, A. Peagler, U. G. Powell.

ON FINANCE—J. L. Simpson, T. F. Thomasson, S. W. Lide.

AUDITING COMMITTEE—F. Armstrong, J. C. Lockhart, Wm. Bowden.

CALLED FOR CORRESPONDENCE.

Bethlehem Association—Bro. C. L. Thornton.

Tuskegee Association—Brethren S. Henderson, C. A. Stanton.

Pine Barren Association—Bro. T. H. Jones.

Zion Association—Bro. J. C. R. Lockhart.

Domestic and Indian Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention—Bro. W. H. McIntosh.

MINUTES.

DAMASCUS CHURCH, BUTLER COUNTY, ALA., October 12th, 1866.

According to previous adjournment, the delegates from the churches composing the Alabama Baptist Association, met with the Damascus Baptist Church, Butler county, Alabama.

In the absence of the principal and alternate who were appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, Bro. H. Talbird, by request of the Association, preached at 11 o'clock, A. M., from Mark xvi.: 20—"And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following."

Prayer by Bro. D. Lee.

After a recess of an hour, the delegates assembled, and the business of the Association was opened with singing, and prayer by Bro. J. B. Hawthorne.

The letters from the churches were read by brethren P. H. Lundy, W. C. Batchelor and H. W. Calley, and the names of the delegates enrolled as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Providence—Not represented.

Shiloh—Sent letter. No delegates.

Centre Ridge—H. Talbird, S. W. Lide.

Town Creek—D. B. Edwards.

Mount Lebanon, Dallas Co.—Sent letter. No delegates.